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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT:

DIA and NSA Reporting on the  
Cuban Arms Build-Up

1. Attached for your reference are those DIA Intelligence Summaries and NSA Soviet Merchant Shipping Summaries, referring to Cuba which were published from 26 July to 14 October.

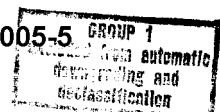
2. A review of the DIA publications will disclose that, although the DIA published four articles on Soviet activities in Cuba prior to 5 September, no credence was given to CIA's analysis that the USSR was supplying an unprecedented amount of military aid, including surface-to-air missiles, to Cuba. Most of the DIA reporting at this time attempted to characterize the Soviet military build-up as economic aid, trade or the supply of weapons for anti-guerrilla operations. The first time DIA acknowledged that the USSR was supplying large-scale military aid to Cuba was on 5 September--after NPIC confirmed CIA's analysis with the discovery of nine SAM sites.

3. DIA reporting after the confirmation of the SAM sites continued to reflect an unwillingness to attempt to define the Soviet build-up accurately. DIA's reporting continued to be limited almost exclusively to items based on aerial photography; CIA's attempts to make use of other sources of intelligence--shipping information, collateral reports, and navy photography--were frequently frustrated by DIA's unwillingness to accept the validity of those sources.

4. A review of the NSA reporting during the period of late July to mid-October presents a somewhat different picture. After an initial and

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deficient attempt to analyze what the Soviets were up to in Cuba in late July and August--solely on the basis [REDACTED]--NSA began reporting only the shipping facts once the presence of SAM's in Cuba was confirmed. As a result, the NSA product was again a help to us and not something to be rebutted.

5. During the period in question, CIA reporting in the CIB amounted to five separate articles emphasizing the Soviet arms build-up, including one on 18 August which stated that among other things SAM's made up a prominent part of the influx. A week earlier, on 10 August, largely because of DIA foot-dragging we had to first publish our analysis concerning missiles in the CIWR--an uncoordinated publication.

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**Enclosures:**

**1. DIA Summaries**

30 July 1962  
20 August 1962  
20 August 1962  
4 September 1962  
6 September 1962  
8 September 1962  
17 September 1962  
18 September 1962  
20 September 1962  
22 September 1962  
24 September 1962  
27 September 1962  
28 September 1962  
29 September 1962  
1 October 1962  
2 October 1962

**2. NSA Soviet Merchant Shipping Summaries**

24 July 1962  
31 July 1962  
7 August 1962  
23 August 1962  
27 August 1962  
5 September 1962  
7 September 1962  
25 September 1962  
2 October 1962  
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